inadequate capacity to execute projects in time, disturbed conditions in some parts.

Plan for Integrated development of NER

475. SHRI RAJNATH 'SINGH' SURYA: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a common plan for the Integrated Development of North Eastern Region of the country;

(b) if so, the salient features of the plan; and

(c) if not, whether there is any proposal to adopt such a plan in future?

THE MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) to (c) Each State of the North Eastern Region pursues its development through its Five Year Plans and Annual Plans and the outlays are decided in consultation with the Planning Commission. However, the North Eastern Council (NEC), with the objective of securing a balanced development of the North Eastern Region, prepares its Five Year Plan in consultation with the State Governments and the Planning Commission. The NEC attempts to formulate a unified and coordinated regional plan in regard to matters of common interest. The Tenth Plan outlay for the NEC, is Rs. 3,500 crore. In addition to projects which are financed by the NEC, the Department of Development of North Eastern Region also finances infrastructure projects under the Non Lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR). The projects being funded by NEC and under NLCPR are mainly for physical and social infrastructure which include power, transmission and distribution lines, promotion of agro based industries, construction of roads and bridges, provision and augmentation of water supply, upgradation of airports, improvement of air-connectivity, setting up and maintenance of educational and medical institutions, support for manpower development etc. The details are available at the Department of Development of North Eastern Region's Website **www.northeast.nic.in.**

The Hon'ble Prime Minister of India had also announced an Agenda for socio-economic development of the North Eastern Region on 22nd January, 2000 at Shillong. The agenda covers 28 programmes/schemes relating to the development of the power sector, border trade,

horticulture, rural infrastructure, roads and air-links, medical and health services, industrial training institutes, information technology, border fencing and upgradation of police infrastructure. The details are available at the Prime Minister's Office Website **www.pmindia.nic.in**.

Demand of compensation by the management of divested PSUs

476. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the new management of certain recently privatized PSUs have demanded compensation from Government on the ground that the PSUs sold to them were not worth the money claimed from them;

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's response thereto, case-wise;

(c) whether it is also a fact that there are allegations that Government had manipulated books of the divested PSUs to make them attractive propositions; and

(d) if so, Government's reaction thereon?

THE MINISTER OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) No, Sir. In some instances, new managements have sought sums in regard to post closure adjustments as provided in the share purchase agreements.

(b) As no claims have been made on the ground that PSUs sold to them were not worth the money claimed from them, does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Disinvestment of CPSUs and State PSUs

477. SHRI S. AGNIRAJ:
MISS MABEL REBELLO:

Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of CPSUs and State PSUs incurring losses in the country;